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this 13th day of September, 1949, that we commend the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service for holding regional waterfowl meetings, and urge that the Service continue the holding of such meetings and extend the same into a greater number of localities throughout the United States.

4. **Migratory Waterfowl Flyway Management**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we reaffirm previous resolutions requesting the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service to study and consider the proposal for correlation of waterfowl regulations in the Central and Mississippi flyways, and that they further consider the possibility of merging these two flyways, and that we further urge that the entire system of waterfowl regulation be interviewed with a view to greater recognition of local needs and problems within the respective flyways.

5. **Distribution of Surplus Pittman-Robertson Funds**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we urge Congress to appropriate the unappropriated surplus to Pittman-Robertson funds, approximately \$13,500,000 to be distributed to the various states on the same basis as current Pittman-Robertson receipts at the rate of 20 per cent of such surplus each year until the entire amount has been distributed.

6. **Pittman-Robertson Funds for Territories**

Whereas under the present provisions of the Pittman-Robertson Act the appropriations available to the territories of the United States are insufficient to accomplish the purpose of the Act therein; and

Whereas the wildlife resources of these territories offer abundant opportunities for recreation to all citizens of the United States; and

Whereas there is definite need for expansion of activities for the development and management of these resources under the Pittman-Robertson program:

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we urge passage by Congress of H. R. 3906, raising the annual appropriation limits under the Pittman-Robertson Act for Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Alaska and Puerto Rico.

7. **Policy of Corps of Engineers under Wildlife Co-ordination Act**

Whereas this association believes that the provisions of the Wildlife Co-ordination Act, public law No. 732, are intended to require specific co-operation between the states and the Corps of Engineers in furtherance of wildlife conservation in connection with government projects; and

Whereas there is wide difference in the interpretation and application of these provisions among the various division offices of the corps of Engineers, and

Whereas efforts by certain groups of states to secure adoption by the Corps of Engineers of a definite uniform policy in furtherance of the real intent of said law and for co-operation with the states therein have heretofore been unavailing;

Now therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish & Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we request the Chief of the Corps of Engineers to establish a uniform policy for the interpretation and application of said law in accordance with the clear intent thereof for the government of all division offices of the Corps of Engineers and others concerned.

8. **Wildlife on Military Reservations**

Whereas the principal responsibility for management, regulations, and use of wildlife resources has always been recognized as resting with the states; and

Whereas, due to the war emergency, the necessity for restriction of the public use of certain areas for military purposes was cheerfully recognized by the public; and

Whereas since the war emergency has terminated, need for such restrictions has passed, but nevertheless the Department of the Army has continued to maintain the same and to exclude the public from the benefits of the wildlife resources of such areas, and to limit the use thereof to military personnel and their friends and associates: